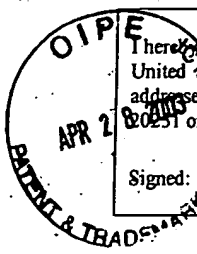


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of)
 BECHTOLSHEIM, Andreas et al.)
 Application No. Unassigned 09/668,253)
 Filed: April 22, 2003 *for Cont. of 09/668,253*)
 For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING)
 OPERATIONS, ADMINISTRATION, AND)
 MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES IN PACKET)
 OVER OPTICS NETWORKS)

Examiner: Unassigned
Art Unit: Unassigned

April 23, 2003

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.138

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants request that the above-identified application be abandoned as follows:

1. ☐ **Express Abandonment**
I request that the above-identified application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date of this paper.
2. ☐ **Express Abandonment in Favor of a Continuing Application**
I request that the above-identified application be expressly abandoned as of the filing date accorded the continuing application herewith.

3. ☒ **Petition for Express Abandonment to Avoid Publication under 37 CFR 1.138(c)**
I hereby petition to expressly abandon the above-identified application to avoid publication

Petition Fee – must be filed with petition to avoid delays in recognizing the petition.

- a. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(h) to Deposit Account No. _____ **MAY 1 2003**
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed. **PG PUB DIVISION INITIALS BSD**
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 is enclosed).

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I am the ☐ applicant.

☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)

☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a) (may act only if box 2 above, stating that the application is expressly abandoned in favor of a continuing application, is checked.) Attorney or agent registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34(a). _____

If it is determined that any fees are due in connection with the filing of this request, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 50-1652 (Order No. CISC540C1).

Respectfully submitted,



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